

## Hooke's Law

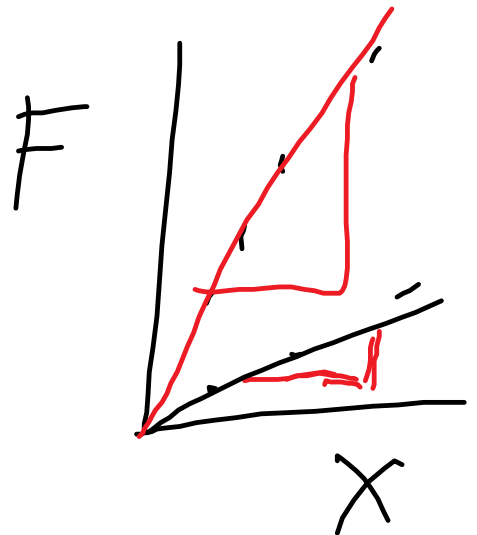
Get elastic bands and springs.

pull with a spring scale and measure the extension,

$x$  = change in length,  $\Delta L$

graph  $F$  vs  $x$

$F(N)$ elastic	$F(N)$ spring	$x=L-L_0$ (cm)
0	0	0
		2.0
		4.0
		6.0
		8.0
		10.0
		12.0



A perfectly elastic object, compresses or extends a distance,  $x$ , when experiencing a force,  $F$ , proportionally to the force and returns to its original shape without loss of energy.

$F = -kx$   $k$  is the slope of  $F$ - $x$  graph =  $F/x$

negative because the force is in the opposite direction to the extension.

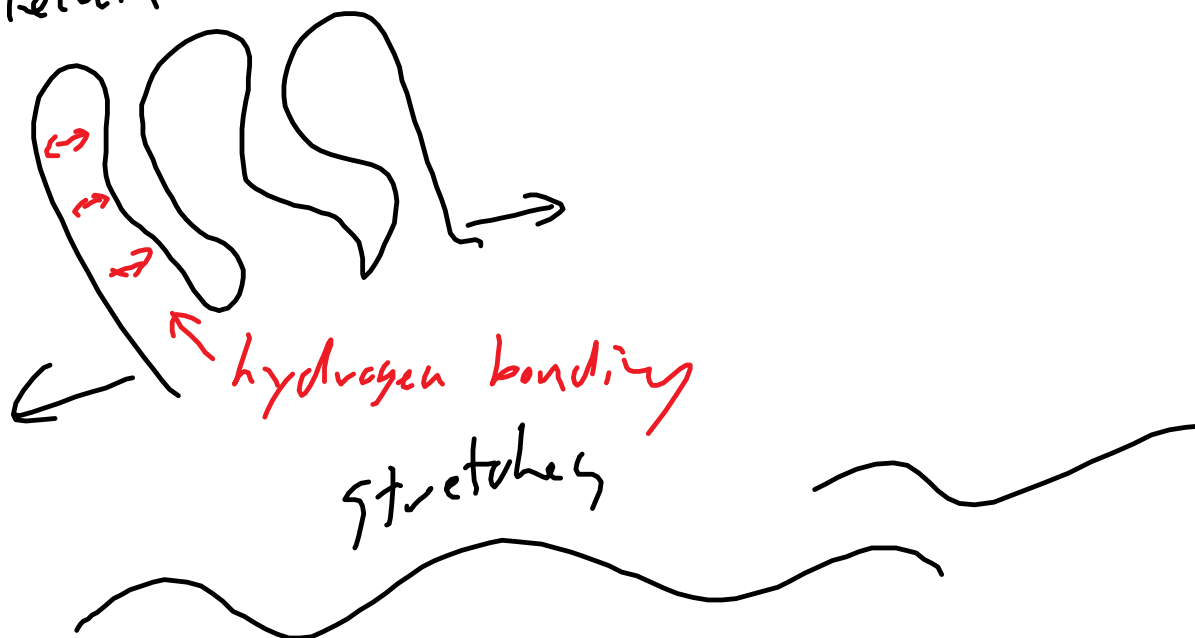
$k$  is the elastic constant or spring constant, units  $N/m$

your data didn't perfectly match, some had y-

intercept. Why?

- didn't zero the scale properly
- most objects are not perfectly elastic - internal force - overcome before it stretches - like friction
- damping - energy is lost in the stretch/compress

molecule



elastic limit - ~~not~~ elastic  
breaks or doesn't  
go back to original  
shape

1. You put a 500 g mass on a spring hung vertically and the length changes from 15.0 cm to 19.0 cm.
  - a) what is the extension?  $19 - 15 = 4.0$  cm
  - b) what is the elastic constant of the spring?

$$k = -F/x = -(0.50\text{kg} \times 9.81\text{N/kg})/(-4.0\text{cm})$$

$$k = 4.9/4 = 1.225 = 1.2\text{N/cm}$$

- c) if you pulled the mass down until the spring is 21.0 cm long and let go, what is the acceleration of the mass?
- d) when the spring returns to 19.0 cm of length, what is the acceleration?
- e) the mass rises due to inertia until the spring is 17.0cm. What is the acceleration of the mass at that point?
- f) bonus: what is the speed of the mass when the spring is 19.0 cm of length? requires work-energy theorem.
1. What is the gravitation attraction between a 50.0kg student and a 60.0 kg student 1.5 m apart? Why don't you slide over?

$$F = GMm/r^2$$

$$= (6.67 \times 10^{-11}\text{Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2 \times 60\text{kg} \times 50\text{kg})/(1.5\text{m})^2$$

$$6.67 \times 60 \times 50 / (1.5 \times 1.5) = 8,893.3333$$

$$8.9 \times 10^{-8}\text{N}$$

2. If g on earth is 9.81 N/kg and the radius of the Earth is  $6.38 \times 10^6\text{m}$ , what is the mass of the Earth? (no cheating!)

$$mg = GMm/r^2$$

$$g = GM/r^2$$

$$M = gr^2/G = (9.81\text{N/kg} \times (6.38 \times 10^6)^2) / 6.67 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$\text{m})^2/6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$$

$$9.81 \times 6.38 \times 6.38 / 6.67 = 59.8666$$

$$5.99 \times 10^{24} \text{kg}$$

$$\times 10^{\text{exp}}$$

$$\times 10 \times 10$$